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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S POSITION IN EIGHT SESSION OF ITC, JANUARY 16-20

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1. NAGAO HYODO, DIRECTOR RESOURCES DIVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT HE HAD CABLED VERY EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JAPANESE DELEGATION AT THE SUBJECT ITC MEETING TO VOTE AGAINST ANY PROPOSAL FOR UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PRICE BAND, AND THAT ADDITIONALLY, HE HAD CABLED JAPANESE AMBASSADORS IN ASEAN CAPITALS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS WERE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT JAPAN MIGHT ABSTAIN, OR THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME GIVE IN THE JAPANESE OPPOSITION TO A PRICE HIKE. HYODO SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE NORMAL JAPANESE RELUCTANCE TO OFFEND BY SAYING NO IN VERY CLEAR TERMS, TRADITIONAL IN ALL ASPECTS OF JAPANESE SOCIAL BEHAVIOR, WAS CAUSING MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND PERHAPS SUBSEQUENT RECRIMINATIONS, IN INTERNATIONAL, PARTICULARLY MULTILATERAL, FORUMS, AND HE WAS DETERMINED TO TRY TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM BY MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS JAPAN'S POSITION.

2. HYODO'S RESOURCES DIVISION IS OPERATIONALLY
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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S POSITION ON ENERGY ISSUES, AND ON METALS AND PHOSPHATES IN THE UNCTAD COMMODITIES DELIBERATIONS. HE CAME TO THIS POSITION LAST SUMMER FROM MOSCOW.
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